14th May 1954]

Tapping of coconut trees for sweet toddy.

* 803 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government allow the tapping of coconut trees for sweet toddy, in the State; and

(*b*) if so, in which districts?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1550 (starred) by T. S. Ardhanari, M.L.A., answered by Minister (Prohibition) on 24th March 1954."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" During the last session of the Assembly there was a neera parlour in the Government Estate. May I know whether it will be opened during this session also? "

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the statement by the previous Minister for Prohibition that sweet toddy would be allowed to be tapped for sale for consumption by the public if the local Assembly Members gave an assurance that this right would not be misused by the toddy-tappers, what action has been taken by the Government so far after such an assurance was given to the Government by the Assembly Members representing the Chingleput District? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is being examined."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of at speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER.

(1) MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" (1) I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated the 5th May 1954, from the Governor of Madras :—

' In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Legislative Assembly of the Madras Court Fees and Suits Valuation Bill, 1954.'

I have to announce to the House that I have received a message, dated the 9th May 1954, from the Governor of Madras :—

' In pursuance of Article 207, clause (3), of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Assembly the consideration of the Madras Electricity Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1954.' "